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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner, which includes information cited in the specification and the International Search Report for International Application PCT/JP2004/012138, filed August 18, 2004, of which the above-referenced application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Applicants further enclose copies of the International Search Report in English and Japanese, and the International Preliminary Report on Patentability.

(1) Y. Suzuki et al., Journal of Surface Science Society of Japan, 1999, Vol. 20, No. 9, pp. 634-639; including an English language abstract;

- (2) JP 2004-089361 A, March 25, 2004; accompanied by an English language Abstract;
- Y. Ono et al.; 21 Seiki Rengo Symposium Ronbunshu,November 16, 2003, Vol. 2, pp. 167-168;
- (4) JP 5-049689 A, March 2, 1993; accompanied by an English language Abstract; Applicants note that this document is also discussed in the present application, beginning at page 2, line 7;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,308,704 (Suzuki et al.), May 3, 1994; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (4);
- (6) JP 3-112560 A, May 14, 1991; accompanied by an English language Abstract;
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,152,783 A1 (Suzuki et al.), October 6, 1992;
 Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (6);
- (8) JP 2002-315821 A, October 29, 2002; accompanied by an English language Abstract; Applicants note that this document is also discussed in the present application, beginning at page 2, line 11; and
- (9) EP 1252902 B1 (Suzuki et al.), October 30, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (8).

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the specification of the present application:

- Y. Murayama et al.; American Journal of Neuroradiology, 1999,Vol. 20, pp. 1986-1991; Applicants note that this document isdiscussed in the present application beginning at page 3, line 4;
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- (15) Y. Suzuki et al.; Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics
 Research, 1992, B65, pp. 142-147; Applicants note that this
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- (16) Y. Murayama et al.; Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics
 Research, 1997, B 127/128, pp. 1015-1018; Applicants note that
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(17) Y. Suzuki et al.; Polymers, 1992, Vol. 41, No.5, pp. 338-341;

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Copies of the above-noted documents, except for the U.S. Patents, are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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